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## WHEATON OCCUPIES MARINAS

Without Opposition--It is an Unimportant Town and Surrounded by Swamps.

## THE AMERICANS WILL RETIRE

To Imus--Wheaton's Bravery Praised by General Otis in His Official Report.

## REBEL LOSSES ARE HEAVY.

The Valor of the Americans Shown at the Battle of Perez das Marinas.

MANILA, June 20, 8 p. m.--The troops commanded by General Wheaton entered Perez das Marinas to-day without opposition except upon the part of small bodies of rebels, who inflicted no losses upon the Americans. The town is an unimportant place, surrounded by swamps and General Wheaton will probably return to Imus.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.--General Otis forwards the following:

MANILA, June 20.

Adjutant General, Washington.

Wheaton at Imus, Cavite province, with four guns, four battalions of Fourth and Fourteenth Infantry, Nevada troops cavalry; sent battalion south on reconnaissance direction of Das Marinas yesterday morning, where enemy reported concentrating; scattered forces; battalion encountered enemy's force of two thousand marching to attack Imus; successful in impeding its progress. Wheaton with two guns and two battalions hurried forward; repulsed enemy with heavy loss, enemy leaving over one hundred dead on field; our loss five killed twenty-three wounded. Wheaton reinforced last night by battalion of Ninth Infantry; is driving enemy beyond Das Marinas, now in his possession. Casualties to-day not reported. Wheaton's qualities for bold and successful attack unsurpassed.

OTIS.

## AMERICAN VALOR

Shown in the Battle Near Perez das Marinas--The Treachery of the Mayor of the Town.

NEW YORK, June 20.--The Herald's Manila correspondent in describing the battle near Perez das Marinas, says:

While the American troops were in a sunken road, a force of insurgents attacked them on the left flank. The Americans retreated in good order for several miles. Finally being reinforced by Robinson's battalion of the Fourth Infantry, they advanced upon the foe.

Surrounded by a thousand of the enemy, six miles from reinforcements and with a thousand more insurgents moving rapidly down on their left to make their annihilation complete, the first battalion of the Fourth Infantry, Major Budd commanding, in all three hundred Americans, fought their way back from Perez das Marinas, three miles toward their military base at Imus, where the rest of the Fourth came to their support.

Reports were received that Das Marinas had been deserted by the insurgents. The alcalde of the place came to Imus and formally surrendered the town.

The houses along the roadside were filled with unguis and the battalion advanced confidently until within three-fourths of a mile from Das Marinas, when they discovered the enemy, paralleling the road at a long distance on both sides and practically surrounding the little force.

Natives began firing at houses in the rear and natives with white clothes were captured with guns in hand. The whole scheme was to wipe out the small body of American troops and might have succeeded but for the marvelous courage of the troops and officers.

## Philippine Customs Receipts.

WASHINGTON, June 20.--The total receipts from all sources at the ports of Manila and Iloilo during the first four months of 1899 were \$1,414,636. During the same period 399 vessels entered and 439 vessels cleared from the port of Manila and 57 vessels entered and 71 vessels cleared from Iloilo.

## To be Largest in the World.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 20.--The controlling stockholders of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company have formed a company and decided to build one of the largest soda-ash plants in the world at a cost of \$3,000,000. The plant will probably be erected at Harderton, near Akron, Ohio, where 300 acres of ground has been bought for the purpose. The new company will be known as the Columbia Chemical Company, and while separate from the plate glass company, the two will work in harmony. Application for a charter will be made in Pennsylvania. The capacity of the new plant will be 120,000 tons annually.

## Elks in Secret Session.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 20.--The first thing taken up in secret session of the Elks' convention was the annual report of Grand Secretary Reynolds. This showed a total of membership of 56,000 divided among 516 lodges. During the past year, 76 new lodges, with a membership of 11,000, have been added to the roll. The report of the grand treasurer also was read. The consideration of a new constitution and the selection of the place for holding the next grand lodge were made special orders for to-morrow.

## QUESTION OF VERACITY.

Lieut. Commander Hellner's Statement of What Took Place on the Brooklyn--Admiral Schley's Alleged Remarks.

WASHINGTON, June 20.--Following the statement of Lieut. Commander Hodgson respecting the events that occurred on the bridge of the Brooklyn July 3, the navy department to-day made public the following report from Captain Chadwick of his examination of Lieut. Commander Hellner:

"U. S. S. New York, Boston, Mass., June 19, 1899.

"Sir:--In obedience to the orders of the secretary of the navy, I have the honor to make the following report of an examination of Lieut. Commander Hellner, with respect to his knowledge of a conversation reported to have occurred between Rear Admiral Schley and Lieut. Commander Hodgson, reporting the action of July 3, 1898.

Lieut. Commander Hellner states as follows:

"At one of the early sessions of the board on the ships' positions during the action of July 3, I strongly expressed my doubt as to the Brooklyn's position before making the loop, as laid down by Mr. Hodgson. Several other navigators, Mr. Conly and Mr. Schute, I know, sided with me. Mr. Hodgson and I on this particular occasion walked up and down the port side of the cabin of the Brooklyn, in which the board was sitting. It is my impression that Mr. Hodgson claimed that the Brooklyn was eleven hundred yards from the leading Spanish ship when the turn was made. The board, I think, put it later at 1,400 yards. Mr. Hodgson told me that he felt certain they were closer than 1,400 yards, and that their stadimeter gave 800 yards. He said: 'We were so close that Schley gave the order 'Hard a port.' I said to him: 'You mean starboard, do you not?' The commodore said: 'No, I mean port; the words are close enough to them.' Mr. Hodgson then said he called attention to the position of the Texas, and told the commodore he thought there was danger of running her down. The commodore replied: 'Damn the Texas! Let her look out for herself!' This conversation was repeated to me on several occasions.

"Everything I say now was contained in Mr. Hodgson's statement. The words may have been a little different. He may have said: 'Don't you mean starboard, commodore?' instead of the first phraseology. He certainly said: 'We are near enough to them now,' and 'Damn the Texas! Let her look out for herself.'

"I repeated this conversation to me at least three times during the sessions of the board, because every time a discussion arose, recurred to the positions given by him, which I did not think correct. I placed no dependence on any observation by stadimeter or sextant during gun fire. My experience was that during the action I was of no use. In which I could place any confidence, though I was using two stadimeters, and had a man in the conning tower with cleaning material, whose only duty was to try to keep the glasses clean. With the utmost care this could not be done. I tried keeping the stadimeter under my coat, but it was of no use. I mention this as a reason for the doubts which brought up the discussion."

"The report as published was practically the conversation as repeated to me."

Lieut. Commander Hellner appends his signature as an attestation of the correctness of the foregoing as herewith given. Very respectfully,  
F. E. CHADWICK,  
Captain U. S. N.  
L. C. HELLNER,  
Lieut. Commander U. S. N.  
To the Commander-in-Chief.

## ARBITRATION SCHEME

Of Peace Conference Will be Arbitration in Name Only.

WASHINGTON, June 20.--Private advices received here from a high authority are to the effect that the conference at The Hague probably will be redeemed nominally from failure by an agreement on an arbitration project that will satisfy the apparently general demand on that point, but that at the same time by carefully framed safeguards will so narrow the field of matters that may or must go before the arbitration tribunal as to make it little more than arbitration in name.

The attitude of Germany is said to be only a little in advance of that of some of the other powers after all, in opposition to the plans submitted, and the disaffection is more general than appears on the surface. As for the other projects that were especially desired by the Americans, such as protection of individual property from seizure at sea, they have all been irretrievably lost, according to this report.

## BOLD MAIL ROBBERY.

Discovered At Chicago Postoffice.

Mail Wagon Drivers Arrested.

CHICAGO, June 20.--What is regarded by Postoffice Inspector James Stuart as one of the largest and boldest mail robberies in the history of the Chicago postoffice was detected to-day, and the arrests of Walter Porter and John Newman, drivers of mail wagons, followed. Porter made a full confession, implicating Newman. A large amount of letters, money orders and packages taken by the men were found in their lodging house, on South Halsted street.

In the pile were money orders, letters and checks directed to all parts of this country and Europe. One check found in the pile was for \$20,000, while another for a large amount was sent from Marcus Daly's bank at Anaconda. The fact that the robbers had been in the employ of the Chicago postoffice since June 1, and that all the thefts were committed since that time, while the prisoners were driving their wagons, makes the scheme one of the boldest in the recollection of the police inspector. The mail was all taken from pouches while being carried in the wagons and from railroad stations, and it has been admitted that three sacks were taken in one day.

## Train Robbers Rounded Up.

OMAHA, Neb., June 20.--A Bee special from Dillon, Mont., says:

Word was received here that two desperate looking characters who answered the description of two robbers for whom \$3,000 was advertised in the reward offered for their capture dead or alive for the hold-up and robbery of the Union Pacific fast mail near Rock Creek, Wyoming, June 5, had been seen near here. Under Sheriff Moore an organized posse started in pursuit at once, getting to the rendezvous a little before daylight this morning, surrounding them and effecting capture without the least resistance.

## THE PRESIDENT'S VERY BUSY DAY

At Mount Holyoke College Commencement, Where his Niece Graduated.

## HE PRESENTS THE DIPLOMAS

And Makes a Very Graceful Speech Which is a Tribute to Educated Womanhood.

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., June 20.--President McKinley participated in the commencement exercises at Mount Holyoke College to-day, awarding the diplomas to the senior class, among whom was his niece, Miss Grace McKinley, and accepting in a brief address the degree of doctor of civil laws conferred upon him by the college. The President and party came from Holyoke by electric car this morning. After the college exercises, the President held a reception on a platform in front of the village church, shaking hands with 2,400 people. Then the visitors returned to the Whiting mansion in Holyoke by electric car. To-morrow President McKinley and party will enjoy a steamer ride down the Connecticut river to Springfield, where there will be a reception and a parade, and at 4 p. m. the party will leave Springfield for Adams, Mass., by special train.

The President and party left the Whiting house at 9:30 this morning on the electric car Rockrimmon and at the railroad station Governor Wolcott and wife, Adjutant General Dalton and Col. Morgan were taken aboard. South Hadley's preparations for welcoming the visitors were simple, but cordial and appropriate.

The President and his party reached here at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. L. R. Trask and Rev. Dr. Judson Smith, of the board of trustees of Mount Holyoke College, were waiting for them at the entrance to the college grounds. The visitors were escorted to the chapel and as the President, leaning on the arm of Dr. Smith, appeared at the entrance, the audience arose.

The President and the gentlemen who accompanied him were given seats on the platform. Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Wolcott and the other ladies of the party sat at the right in the auditorium. The seniors occupied the front rows. After devotional exercises, Dr. Smith read an address, his subject being "A plea for the humanities." In closing he welcomed the guests and introduced Governor Wolcott, who spoke at some length. Then, while the chorus was singing, President McKinley was escorted to the front of the platform by Mrs. Mead, president of the college. Upon a table near at hand lay the diplomas. As the music ceased the President raised one of the rolls and the name it bore was that of his niece, Miss Grace McKinley. The young lady advanced, received the diploma and shook hands with the President. This was the only demonstration made by the graduates aside from the usual bow and expression of thanks.

As the last diploma was presented and the President was about to resume his seat, Dr. Trask arose, and, addressing President McKinley, announced that Mt. Holyoke College wished to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws. The President accepted the honor in the following words:

President's Address.  
"Mrs. Mead, Ladies and Gentlemen:--I cannot refrain from making acknowledgments in the presence of the very distinguished honor which the board of trustees and officers of this institution have been pleased to confer upon me. I want to assure the young ladies of the graduating class that I am both delighted and honored to be a member of a class of '99. Massachusetts has been and is first in many things, but in nothing more than in educational institutions.

"I count myself most fortunate to have been privileged yesterday to look upon the faces of graduates of Smith college, that splendid institution of learning for the education of women, and I count this the most fortunate day to look upon the faces of the graduates of the glorious historic institution, that has done so much for the exaltation of woman, and whose influence is felt not only in Massachusetts but in every part of our common country.

"Mt. Holyoke is more than sixty years old to-day and the influence of this institution in moulding and shaping the citizens of the nation can never be told. I am glad that we are demonstrating in the United States to-day that the boy shall have no more advantages than the girl, and Mount Holyoke and Smith and the half dozen other institutions of the land are demonstrating that fact.

"An educated womanhood is an open school for citizenship every day of the year and the home is the training school for the mother, the soldier and the statesman. I wish for this graduating class all good things and I want you to be assured that all good things wait upon a pure and noble woman."

At the close of the President's deliverance of the degrees, a beautiful purple banner inscribed: "Mount Holyoke '99" was presented to him.

## More Receptions.

At the close of the exercises, the company retired to Mary Brigham Hall, where the President retired for half an hour's rest.

At 3 o'clock, a reception was held on a platform erected in front of the local church at which the President shook hands with 2,400 people, and then the party returned to the Whiting house at Holyoke. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen, and Lieutenant Governor

Crane, who arrived just in time, participated in the reception. Governor and Mrs. Wolcott returned to Boston immediately after the chapel exercises.

Miss Grace McKinley, the President's niece, spent her time after she received her degree at the hands of "Uncle William," in entertaining Mrs. McKinley.

The evening was spent very quietly at the Whiting residence and the President and Mrs. McKinley retired early. To-night is the last that will be spent in Holyoke. At 10:15 o'clock to-morrow morning, a trip down the river will be taken on the steamer Mascot and the remainder of the day will be spent in receptions and in reviewing a parade in Springfield. The President's special train will leave Springfield for Adams at 4 o'clock and the following days, until Wednesday until June 28, will be spent at the home of W. B. Plunkett. The President will leave for Washington on the night of the 28th.

Mount Holyoke College, in conferring a degree upon the President to-day followed closely after Smith College at Northampton, the trustees of which on Monday night informed the President that they had voted to confer upon him the degree of LL. D.

The President to-day sent the following acknowledgement to President Seeley, of Smith College:

"Receive for yourselves and the trustees my high regard for the honor conferred upon me. Mrs. McKinley joins me in hearty congratulations to the class of '99."

## THE UNIVERSITY.

Heat Melting Commencement Enthusiasm--Cadets Competitive Drill--Art Department Exhibit.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
MORGANTOWN, W. Va., June 20.--The thermometer was up in the nineties to-day, and much of the enthusiasm which is shown at the commencement season was melted.

During the afternoon at the drill of the companies of the cadet corps, for the honor of holding the corps' colors next year, Robert Stewart, of Martinsburg, succumbed to the heat, and had to be carried from the field.

Many others of the cadets felt it severely. The drill was one of the features of the day's exercises, and as usual a great number of people witnessed it, on the athletic field. The judges selected were Dr. W. J. Hartigan, Captain W. R. D. Standiford and Justin M. Kunkle. There are three companies this year, and the work of all of them was first class. Company A is captained by Des Moines U. T. Company B, by Edward B. Carskadon and Company C, by Benjamin F. Laughlin. The captains of Companies B and C are fraternity brothers. But the competition between their companies was keen, and the opinion prevails that one of them will be awarded the honor. Captain Carskadon accidentally broke a finger just before the drill, and was handicapped by the pain.

Another interesting feature of the exercises to-day was the exhibit of the art department, which is constructed by Mrs. Eva Hubbard. All day long the rooms were thronged with visitors, and there were heard many exclamations of praise at the work of the students. A committee, consisting of Prof. William S. Aldrich, Miss Elizabeth Sidner and Prof. Kenneth McKenzie inspected the exhibit, and awarded the prize offered for the most progress in crayon work this year to C. L. Moore.

The town is rapidly filling up with visitors and alumni. Among those here for the season are the members of the state board of agriculture, who are holding a business meeting in the board. The regents are straggling in, one by one, but a quorum has not yet appeared, and nothing but routine committee work has been done.

## Terrorized the School.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., June 20.--Rosa Ford, aged seventeen, a vicious inmate of the Girl's Industrial School, at Salem, was lodged in jail here to-day by Sheriff Lang. She terrorized the school until the board of directors decided to return her to Hinton, her native town, where she was recently convicted for the attempted murder of Mrs. G. H. Tyree, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. This sentence was suspended, and the girl was committed to the girl's school. Hinton authorities will come here after her.

## HEAVY CLOUDBURST

At Loudonville, Ohio--Live Stock Drowned and Property Destroyed.

LOUDONVILLE, Ohio, June 20.--Heavy cloudbursts occurred here last night accompanied by a severe electrical storm. Horse, tall creek, a branch of the Ohio river broke its banks, and the house of Isaac Hunter was swept from its foundations and completely destroyed. Parties have been out since daylight unsuccessfully searching for Hunter's body.

All the bridges on the stream above here are washed out. Many horses and other live stock were drowned, and all farm products in the valley are gone. At noon the water was still rising in Clear Fork. The damage to bridges and roadways will be more than \$100,000, while the property loss cannot be covered by less than \$200,000 more. Several buildings were struck by lightning.

## A Sudden Flood.

SHELBY, O., June 20.--At 2 o'clock this morning an alarm was sounded by fire and church bells. Citizens hurried from their beds to find the city under water, the heavy rains of last night having raised the little stream of Black Fork to a perfect torrent. The flood came suddenly, and many people were removed from their homes on horseback. The principal streets are running streams, and all cellars are filled with water. Business is at a standstill. No estimate of the damage can yet be made. Rumors are in circulation that several lives have been lost.

## Standard Getting Out of Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 20.--The Standard Oil Company is preparing to get out of Ohio. Its headquarters will be removed from this city to New York, and on the first of July its Ohio charter will be given up. The office force here will be reduced from about thirty men to less than one-tenth of that number. The recent incorporation of the company in New Jersey with a capital of \$10,000,000 was the first step in the abandonment of Ohio. An officer of the company to-day confirmed the report of the removal of the offices, and said that Cleveland would hereafter be only a branch office, like those maintained in several cities.

## THE BIG STRIKE AT CLEVELAND

In Fair way to be Settled--Strikers Proposition Waives Recognition of the Union.

## MORE SERIOUS DISORDERS.

Mobs Assault Three Cars---Non-Union Men Badly Used up. A Deplorable Affair.

CLEVELAND, O., June 20.--While the prospects for a settlement of the strike of the street railway men are brighter to-night than they have been at any time since the trouble began, there has been more serious rioting to-day than at any previous time. The disturbances began early in the morning, continued throughout the day, and to-night a big mob surrounds the south side barns of the Big Consolidated Company, determined to get at the non-union men who are housed there.

While the sympathizers of the strikers were hurling bricks and stones at non-union motormen and conductors, a special committee of city council was trying to get the representatives of the strikers and the officers of the company together, and it succeeded to the extent of inducing the strikers to submit a proposition in writing and getting the consent of President Everett, of the Big Consolidated, to submit the same to the board of directors in the morning. The strikers proposition abandons the demand for the recognition of the union, but asks that all the old men be taken back, save those who may be convicted in court of destroying property. The members of the council committee believe a settlement is in sight.

As has been the rule since the strike began riotous disturbances broke out to-day about noon. A crowd boarded a Wade Park avenue car near Li-dus and Andale avenues and beat the non-union motorman into insensibility. The conductor deserted his car and fled.

Another Wade Park avenue car was stoned and one on the Euclid avenue line was attacked. Many women were on board and shrieked with terror as the stones crashed through the windows. One woman fainted. At the corner of Willson avenue and Quincy street one man was shot and others had narrow escapes. The passengers escaped as best they could when the stones began to fly, but the conductor and motorman were struck repeatedly. The latter drew a revolver and fired three times into the crowd. He then put on all speed and ran his car out of the mob's reach. George Berg, Jr., a striking conductor, was hit in the leg by a bullet, which was extracted. No arrests.

The crew of Seville avenue car No. 224 was badly beaten by ten men at 11 a. m. The car was on its way down town. At Willson avenue one man got on, and at every crossing thereafter one or two more men boarded the car until there were ten passengers. When Harry C. Clark, the conductor, was taking up fares, one of the men gave him a fifty cent piece. As Clark started to make change he was struck on the head from behind with a coupling pin in the hands of another of the passengers. Several of the others then jumped on him and pounded him into insensibility. The others turned their attention to the motorman whose name is John Clark. He was also hit on the head and body. He sank to the floor in a semi-unconscious condition. By this time the car, running at high speed, had reached Hickman street. Here the men all left the car. A block farther on, Clark, the motorman, recovered sufficiently to shut off the current and bring the car to a stop. After a short wait it was run back to the barn. Both men were badly hurt.

A. W. Welgel, a letter carrier, riding on a Euclid avenue car was struck full in the face by a stone. He was unconscious and covered with blood when help reached him.

There were two inept riots late this afternoon. At the corner of Central and Willson avenues a crowd of 2,000 persons obstructed the passage of two cross town cars. Bricks and stones were thrown and the windows of the cars broken. One of the non-union motormen, who gave his name as Charles Jones, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was hit with a brick and so badly injured that it was necessary to send him to a hospital. Later a car on the South Side line was attacked near the suburb of Brighton. The motorman and conductor were chased into the woods by a mob, and they had not returned when it came time to stop running cars. No arrests were made in either case.

The people of the South Side nursed their wrath all day. They made no attempt to interfere with the running of cars on the Clark avenue line so long as there was police protection, but this evening there was a determined effort to get at the non-union men, who were taken to the Holmden avenue barns this forenoon to operate the cars from that end of the line. Soon after dark a mob of 5,000 people assembled. There were twenty policemen at the barns, but they were powerless to handle the mob. Fences were torn down and the crowd broke into the barns. In the meantime the non-union men had escaped to the attic and the rioters contented themselves with smashing a few of the cars. By this time several wagon loads of policemen had arrived and the mob was dispersed. At another place on the South Side switches were torn up and the track blockaded.

## First Sympathy Strike.

CLEVELAND, O., June 20.--Four hundred employees of the Cleveland Foundry Company struck late this af-

ternoon because the company refused to discharge a man who had ridden on a Big Consolidated car. The man was a foreman. When it became known that he had ridden on a car, the molders went to the officers of the company and demanded his discharge. The officers refused to comply with the demand and all the men walked out of the works. This is the first strike in the nature of a sympathy demonstration that has taken place.

## Akron Street Car Men Strike.

AKRON, Ohio, June 20.--Not a car is running on the Akron & Cuyahoga rapid transit lines to-day. Some time ago there was a disagreement as to wages, and the matter was referred to arbitration. The report, which was submitted last night, included a clause providing for arbitration in the future, and this the company refused to accept. The men held a meeting and then decided to strike. No effort was made to run cars to-day.

## ARCHER NOMINATED

For Senator by Acclamation in the Over the River District--Tribute to the Memory of Congressman Danford.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

STEUERENVILLE, Ohio, June 20.--The Republican senatorial convention for the Joint Twentieth-Twenty-second districts was held in the court house to-day. It was a big convention, and soon over, as Frank B. Archer, of Belmont county, was named by acclamation.

Senator W. V. Blake and A. H. McCoy, the Columbiana county candidates, did not have their names presented.

The resolutions passed reaffirm the national and state platforms, and endorse the administration of President McKinley.

The following resolutions on the death of Congressman Danford were read and adopted by a standing vote, many of the delegates wearing black ribbon on their badges:

Whereas, This convention has just received the very sad intelligence of the death of Capt. Lorenzo Danford, a member of Congress from this district, whose whole life has been a continuous devotion to duty and country; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That in the death of Captain Danford, who so ably and acceptably represented this district in the councils of the nation, we feel the loss of a noble and high type of citizenship; that the United States Congress has lost an able, efficient and fearless statesman and advocate; his state and district a leader of pronounced sincerity and ability, the community in which he lived a highly honored citizen and his family a devoted and tender husband and father.

Second, That this convention points with a just pride and high appreciation to the past services of Captain Danford, and with profound sorrow and deep regret recall to his nation and state the magnitude of this great misfortune, and willingly testify to the impress of such a sincere and earnest life as an example to those who shall follow him in any public or private capacity.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the chairman and secretary of this convention to the members of the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the newspapers of the Sixteenth Congressional and Twentieth and Twenty-second joint senatorial districts.

## KERNS' PLEA

Doesn't Seem to Have Much Weight.

Sensational Murder Trial. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
PARSONS, W. Va., June 20.--Fred D. Kerns has been on trial here since yesterday for the killing of Miss Lucy Day, at Davis, on April 16, last.

There was no one in the room at the time of the murder, but the circumstantial evidence against Kerns is heavy. In a letter to her he stated that if he did not get her no one else would. A man who passed the house a few minutes before the fatal shot was fired testified he heard some one say: "By Jove, I'll show you," and another voice, "No, Fred, you wouldn't do that," and the first voice again exclaimed: "I'll show you, if I won't."

When asked for the revolver Kerns got it immediately from under the cover on the bed. This and other testimony makes Kerns' plea that she snatched the little weight. The argument by counsel commenced to-day.

## Commission Issued.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 20.--A commission was issued to-day by the secretary of state to H. M. Wood, of Ansted, to be quartermaster of the Third battalion, Second Infantry, West Virginia National Guard, with the rank of second lieutenant.

## Clarksburg's Spanish Gun.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., June 20.--Advices received here to-day say the Spanish gun loaned Custer Post No. 3, G. A. R., by the federal government, has been shipped from the Brooklyn navy yard and will arrive here Thursday.

## State Supreme Court.

Tuesday's proceedings in the state supreme court of appeals were as follows:

Abraham McConnell, et al., vs. G. W. Rowland, from Wood county; appeal allowed; bond \$200.

State vs. A. J. Jamison, from Ritchie county; writ of error granted.

Henry J. Rutter et al., vs. Luenda J. Anderson, et al., appeal allowed.

W. L. Shields, administrator, vs. R. S. Blair et al., from Ritchie county; appeal and supersedeas allowed.

John W. Batson, et al., vs. G. W. Reynolds, et al., from Taylor county; appeal and supersedeas allowed; bond, \$5,000.

Henry Fry, of Charleston, was admitted to practice.

## Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, threatening weather and cooler Wednesday; partly cloudy Thursday; west to north winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, generally fair Wednesday; increasing cloudiness Thursday; fresh northerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Ohio, threatening weather, with cooler in southern portion Wednesday; Thursday threatening; fresh northerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

## Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schopf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:  
7 a. m. .... 65° 3 p. m. .... 91°  
9 a. m. .... 73° 11 p. m. .... 82°  
12 m. .... 82° Weather fair.